Amendment "A"

Please amend the specification being filed herewith as follows:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

following the title "IMAGING APPARATUS AND METHODS", and before the section

In the specification at page 1, line 2, please insert the following paragraph

This application is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial. No. 10/147,251, filed May 15, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

(End of amendments to the specification.)

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titled, "FIELD OF THE INVENTION":